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## Latter-Day Savagery.

Before the present war if a bel-ligerent sunk an enemy's merchant ship without sparing the lives of non-combatant passengers, or if he sunk a neutral merchant ship, even one engaged in blockade-running, without giving the passengers and crew a chance for their lives, he violated the law of nations and his act was piratical and murderous.

One nation cannot by its own arbitrary act alter the law of nations. It ought to observe the international rules of the war game even with its enemy; it must observe the international law in its dealings with neutrals.

When Germany announced that it had abrogated the provisions of international law in respect to blockade the United States denied its right and power to do so, insofar as neutrals are concerned, and declared that Germany would be held accountable for any destruction of American lives or property that was forbidden by the law of nations at the beginning of the war.

In the case of the Gulfight Germany has on the face of things caused the loss of American lives by torpedoing an American ship without warning in violation of the law of nations. In the case of the Lusitania Germany has on the face of things destroyed American lives, including women and children, which could not legally be destroyed in the conditions that existed under the law of nations.

If Germany had no legal right to destroy these American lives, repeated warnings that it intended to do so would not relieve it from culpability. The American victims on the Lusitania may have been foolish not to heed these warnings, but it is not permissible nowadays to inflict the death penalty for foolishness.

Communications between our government and that of Germany will develop whether there are any facts, not yet disclosed, which alter the aspect of the issue in respect to either the Gulfight or the Lusitania. In the latter case American public sentiment is profoundly shocked to find that Germany would with premeditation slaughter unoffending Americans, women and men alike, on an unarmed, unconvoyed British merchant ship, when her right to commit this homicide was in the slightest degree debatable under international law. And this alienating shock will unhappily remain, even if the homicidal government may avoid legal accountability through technicalities.

## Student Military Camps.

A decision by the controller of the Treasury relative to the propriety of an expenditure for expenses at the student military camp at Ludington, Mich., last summer may have the effect of preventing the continuation of this system of military instruction of college and university pupils. These camps have for several years been regarded as a valuable feature of the army's work, carrying military instruction to a large number of youths who have profited physically from it, and at the same time have been given a concept of the duties of a soldier in a way to increase their value as potential fighting men in case of a national emergency. American military preparedness is in such a low state that these meager attempts at general instruction deserve to be encouraged rather than discouraged, and it is to be hoped that unless the country is to go absolutely upon an uncompromising basis Congress will at the next session straighten out this tangle caused by a complexity of the statutes and provide in clear and ample terms for the participation of the regular forces in these student camps so that the young men of the country may gain at least a modicum of military knowledge in time of peace.

The annual warfare on the house-fly will be welcomed as one that can be conducted without danger to the innocent bystanders.

Neutrality does not prevent a nation from having serious problems to adjust when a time for settlement is reached.

## Wet? Or Dry?

And so Chairman McCombs on his visit to Indiana "to take the waters" at Thomas Taggart's spa fell into the hands of the politicians. He could not well have avoided them; and maybe he did not try. They are thick in that neck of woods, and they had only to hear of his plans to pack their grips and join him. That he was glad to see them may all be sure.

The meeting was at Louisville, very near to French Lick Springs, and The Star's staff correspondent in his

dispatch mentions Thomas Taggart, Roger Sullivan and Senator Hughes of New Jersey as among those present.

Kentucky soil, by the way, as The Star has several times recently observed, is very interesting just now. A campaign is in progress in the state with features of the greatest importance locally, and with an important bearing on the national situation. It is startling, indeed, to consider that in that commonwealth the democracy is at present split wide open on the subject of prohibition. Mr. Watterson's dictum, that no democrat can be a prohibitionist, is challenged by thousands of democrats, and they have a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. The primary election takes place in August.

But more important still is the fact that the President and Mr. Bryan have been brought into the fight, the former on the side of the anti-prohibitionists, and the latter on the side of the prohibitionists. A letter written by Mr. Wilson when Governor of New Jersey on the drink question, and taking ground against its introduction into politics, is being circulated, while Mr. Bryan's well known views, recently very much emphasized, against the saloon and all for which it stands, in politics and out, are quoted everywhere.

An idea exists that this masks a purpose to force, if possible, Mr. Bryan out of the cabinet. It seems to be clear that if the anti-prohibitionists win, and write a platform and nominate a candidate opposed to Mr. Bryan's views, he will not be able to participate in the campaign. How could he, flouted in such fashion? And from that beginning might spring trouble of a grave character between the President and his premier.

The visiting statesmen at Louisville could not have been ignorant of all this, and were justified if they concerned themselves somewhat with it. And, by the way, not one of them is a Bryan man. Certainly Roger Sullivan is not; and Senator Hughes is from the President's state, and one of his spokesmen in the Senate.

## An American Merchant Marine.

Senators Cummins and Overman, now at Honolulu on the eve of sailing for home, are quoted by cable as expecting an extra session of Congress, not "for the purpose of declaring war, but for providing ships for the safe conveyance to Europe of American passengers and American goods." Mr. Cummins is a republican, Mr. Overman a democrat. They are influential members of the Senate. At the recent session of Congress the former voted against, the latter for, the ship purchase bill on the final roll call.

That bill when introduced was characterized as an emergency measure. The war had emphasized our helplessness on the sea. We had no freight ships of our own, and so were at the mercy of foreign carriers, whose other engagements were heavy. Our overseas commerce was paralyzed. All sections of the country, but particularly the agricultural sections, were complaining.

But the bill championed by the administration sought to bring the government as an operating factor into the shipping business. It was to "take stock in the concern," and remain in the business until a profitable basis had been reached.

This created discord in both houses of Congress, and such a rupture in the democratic party in the Senate, the bill was defeated. Five of the seven democratic senators who rejected the administration's measure, and resisted White House pressure to come into line, were from the south, the stronghold of the democracy.

The objection of these senators was to the socialistic feature of the proposition. Such an inauguration of public ownership and operation would be most unwise, they thought. Once adopted, the policy would be likely to grow, to spread, until state socialism on a large scale would exist.

We are still helpless in this matter. We have no merchant marine. Our overseas commerce is still blocked—still at the mercy of foreign carriers, at present very much embarrassed themselves. The war is still in progress. The sharpest and most experienced eyes report no sign of the dawn of peace. And the country is still impatient, and demands action of some kind to cure the paralysis.

When Congress meets, in special or regular session, this subject—more important now than when first introduced—will be certain of discussion; and the discussion should be on much broader than party lines.

Mexicans are wondering whether Huerta is not getting as close as possible to the long distance telephone so that he can hear a call from his country without delay.

## No Protection for Lusitania.

The question of whether the Lusitania was sufficiently safeguarded on her last voyage, in the light of the warnings that have been given that she was marked for destruction, is certain to be one of burning interest to the English people, and cannot fail to be of interest also in this country. Already an outcry has arisen in England against the admiralty for its failure to provide any sort of escort or patrol to reduce the submarine danger to a minimum. The name of Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, occurs in these preliminary protests, and it is apparently inevitable that in the parliamentary debate Churchill will be called upon to defend himself and his official course since the war began. He has been seriously criticised heretofore,

notably in connection with the defense of Antwerp and the first attempt on the Dardanelles. Now the destruction of the Lusitania without any show of naval protection brings the matter of admiralty administration to an acute point.

It seems that the Lusitania followed her usual course, not swerving in any appreciable degree from the route she has been running since her maiden voyage. She may have expected a naval escort off the Irish coast, but she assuredly was taking very grave chances in proceeding along this route in view of the clear warnings that had been issued that it was the German policy, if possible, to sink her on this run. All the facts of the course she took and the plans of the admiralty for her protection, if any were made, will doubtless be made known to the British government and presumably, in view of the loss of American lives, the United States. Unfortunately, inasmuch as a state of war exists, the public cannot expect to be informed of these facts, and must be left to speculate upon a situation that on its face is undeniably extraordinary.

American lives on the unarmed Lusitania should have been safe. Germany ought not to have destroyed them, because she could. Great Britain by naval escort should have seen that Germany could not, if she would.

Inquiries at Syracuse have not made it absolutely clear that Roosevelt and Barnes are so uncompromisingly resentful as to make it impossible for them ever to co-operate in a political campaign.

The London insurance men who offered even money that peace would be restored by September have had little to encourage them in the observation of events thus far.

The distance from Constantinople to Turkey in Asia is not great, but the sultan hates to make it worse than a regular New Yorker hates to go to Brooklyn.

When loss of innocent life is involved it becomes difficult for the average citizen to consider the destruction of a ship on a basis of sheer technicality.

A citizen who knows offhand all the different kinds of taxes he pays is something of an expert on government as well as a mathematician.

It is difficult to realize that compared to some of the horrors that war has caused the destruction of the Lusitania is a minor incident.

In discussing serious public events Col. Roosevelt uses the epithet "piracy" as freely as if he had never had a libel suit in his life.

In commenting on the Lusitania disaster Berlin editors have the opportunity of their lives to show tactful discretion.

San Francisco is ready to provide all the diversion that American tourists need this summer.

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

**More Picturesque Calculation.**  
"Is your boy Josh much help around the farm?"  
"Yes," replied Farmer Contossel. "He manages to make farmin' more interestin' than it was by usin' algebra to figger out the losses."

"De man dat wants to talk all de time," said Uncle Eben, "doesn't give hisself a chance to pick up enough information to make his talk wuf listenin' to."

**Rapid Results.**  
The gardener goes forth anew  
And plants a tiny seed with care,  
And later on is called to view  
A lovely burdock growing there.

**The Middleman.**  
"Lady," said Plodding Pete, "do you want that wood chopped?"  
"Yes. Will you chop it?"  
"No. But I know some fellers dat's takin' physical culture, an' fur some coffee an' sandwiches I'll see if I can't hook 'em up to dis job fur exercise."

**A Strategist.**  
"Is that small boy of yours taking music lessons?"  
"No. He got a spanking yesterday and persuaded his sister to play an accompaniment on the piano so that he could tell the boys who heard him holler that he was only practicing vocal exercises."

The difficulty about getting even with an enemy is that the enterprise is likely to leave you with a lot of new ones on your hands.

**Conserved Energy.**  
"I ain't a-goin' to give advice," said Hezekiah Bings.  
"I won't think up no phrases nice concernin' serious things. But if there's work that calls fur me to rise an' do my share, O' Hezekiah you'll see Upon the job fur fair."

"My breath I won't exhaust in speech,  
Nor test my nerves in vain.  
On matters still beyond my reach I won't protest in vain.  
But if I'm called I'll be on hand To claim or pay a price.  
At present I see no demand On me fur much advice."

**Rivalry.**  
From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.  
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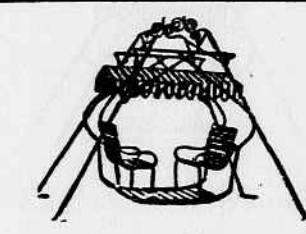
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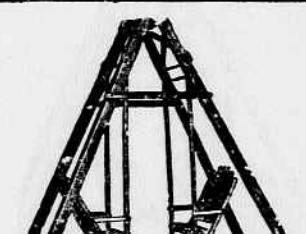
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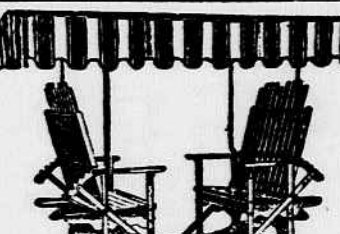
Made of steel throughout; painted green; 8-oz. duck canvas canopy; seats reclining; 4-inch hardwood varnished slats.



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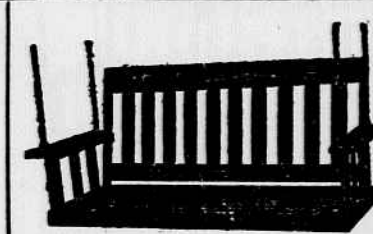
Four-passenger style; made substantially; with comfortable back; heavy frame, varnished in natural color; trimmed in red.



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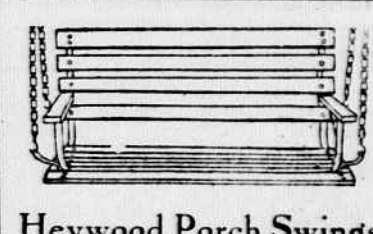
Made completely of wood except for steel rockers; seats four passengers comfortably; reclining and adjustable back; inclosure to be turned into bed if desired; has soft, gliding, restful motion.



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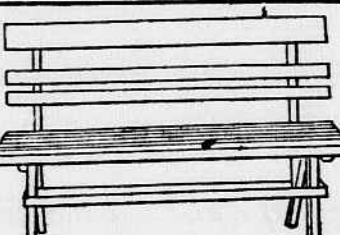
Made with six 1 1/2-inch hardwood slats in seat; slats on back; swing of steel and wood construction; 42 inches long; can be raised from 3 to 9 feet from the floor; easily taken down or put up.



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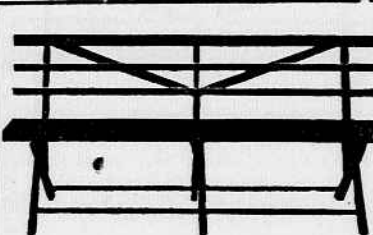
Made of oak; finished in pea green; 6 slats on seat, 4 on back; slats are 2 1/2 inches wide; bolted to frame; complete with 6-ft. chains, 5 ft. long; seats four people comfortably.



Stationary Lawn Bench

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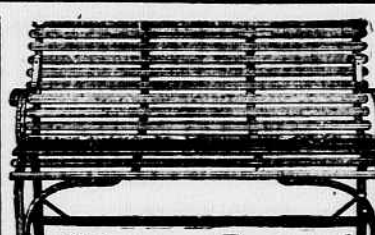
Made of Georgia pine; durable frame, painted green; seats natural; 42 inches long; six 2-inch slats on seat; three on back, and cross pieces; strongly made and comfortable.



Lawn Bench

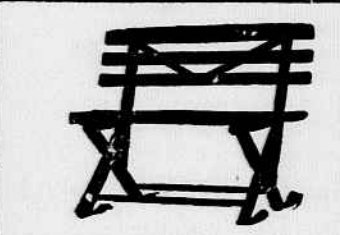
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Six feet long; painted green; six slats on seat, three on back; well braced and folding.



Kalamazoo Bentwood  
Lawn Settee

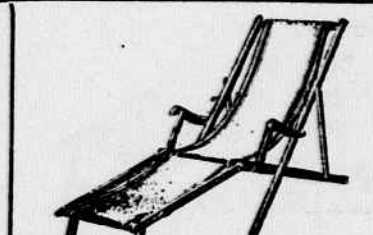
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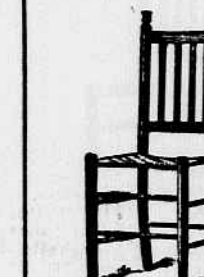
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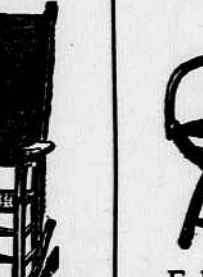
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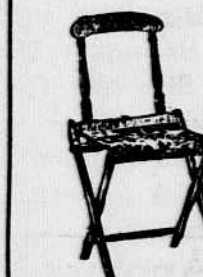
Carpet seat; light and durable; very compact; suitable for lawn as well.



Fine Folding Chairs

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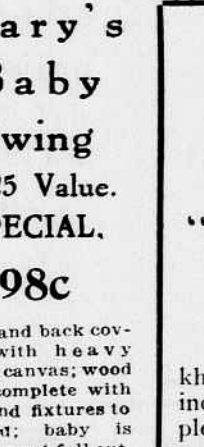
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